

Minutes – Regular Scheduled Meeting - RTM Finance & Budget 03/12/12

Present: (12 of 13 members)

B. Orr, J. Davis, A. Rycenga, D. Ritchie, J. Palen, J. Sini, T. Schwarz, B. Smith, T. Duffy, M. Thorne, K. Hoffman, R. Tierney

Absent: C. Brode

- Meeting was called to order by Chairman Orr at 7:40 pm
- Agenda for the meeting was read.
- An outline of procedures and timeline for the Police Department contract was discussed. The Police Department contract has been under negotiations for 19 months. An agreement was ratified by the union earlier in the day. The Board of Finance will be discussing and voting on the contract Tuesday March 13th. It may go before the RTM on Monday the 19th for a vote. Once the union ratifies an agreement it goes into effect thirty days after it is filed. There is a sense of urgency to give the RTM a chance to vote on it on Monday the 19th otherwise a special meeting will be need to be called within the thirty day timeline. There was some concern that the committee would not have the ability to perform its high level of due diligence that it normally does with such a short time to review the contract. The committee is aiming to have a meeting prior to the RTM meeting to discuss the Police contract.
- The committee discussed scheduling a meeting with BOF prior to their review and final vote on the budget 2012-13. The committee also discussed having a meeting to allow further discussion of the budget and eventual vote.
- Orr will reach out to the BOF Chair and determine timing and subject content of the meeting.
- There was some discussion of Board of Education budget and a recent Board of Ed special education subcommittee meeting. In the audience was CDSP representative Tammy Sloade.
- At 8:25 p.m. we went to the auditorium to have a joint discussion of the Public works contract. We joined the Parks & Recreation committee and the Public works committee. Karl Kilduff and Nancy Markey from Town Hall were there to answer the questions from the committee members.
- After returning to our regular meeting a discussion of the PW contract continued. Despite the fact that we did not have an actual resolution to vote on we took a vote on the content of the Public Works contract. It was approved unanimously 11-0 (J. Sini was not present for the vote).

- Jim Patrick, Vice Chair of Public Health and Safety committee stopped in to give a report on the Board of Selectmen's meeting. He reported that the 4 present members approved the Police Department contract (Dave Campbell was not present the vote).
- After some discussion, it was agreed that the best course of action was to call an F&B special meeting, along with PH&S, to continue the due diligence on the Police Contract. Orr will arrange a meeting location for Monday, 3/19 at 7 PM and will advise. Orr also suggested that any questions the Committee might be submitted to him and circulated in advance
- Minutes for the Jan 17th F&B meeting were unanimously approved 12-0 with D. Ritchie abstaining.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.